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Monthly Progress on New York City's Roadmap to Closing Rikers Island

ACCOMPLISHED IN THE LAST MONTH:

1 SMALLER [Supervised Release](#), a citywide diversion program, is one of the biggest drivers of jail population reduction. This program just marked its 100th week and has diverted over 7,000 people from jail.

2 SAFER Mayor de Blasio and Speaker Corey Johnson—together with the Council Members representing neighborhoods where jails are slated to expand or open—announced an [agreement](#) to move forward with a single public review process for the four selected sites of the future borough-based jail system. These sites together will provide off-island space for 5,000 people.

3 FAIRER To reduce returns to jail for incarcerated women, New York City recently announced a \$6 million [annual investment](#) in expanded family programming for incarcerated mothers and their children, enhanced mental health services for women in city jails, and a network of re-entry services to help women stabilize after returning to the community.

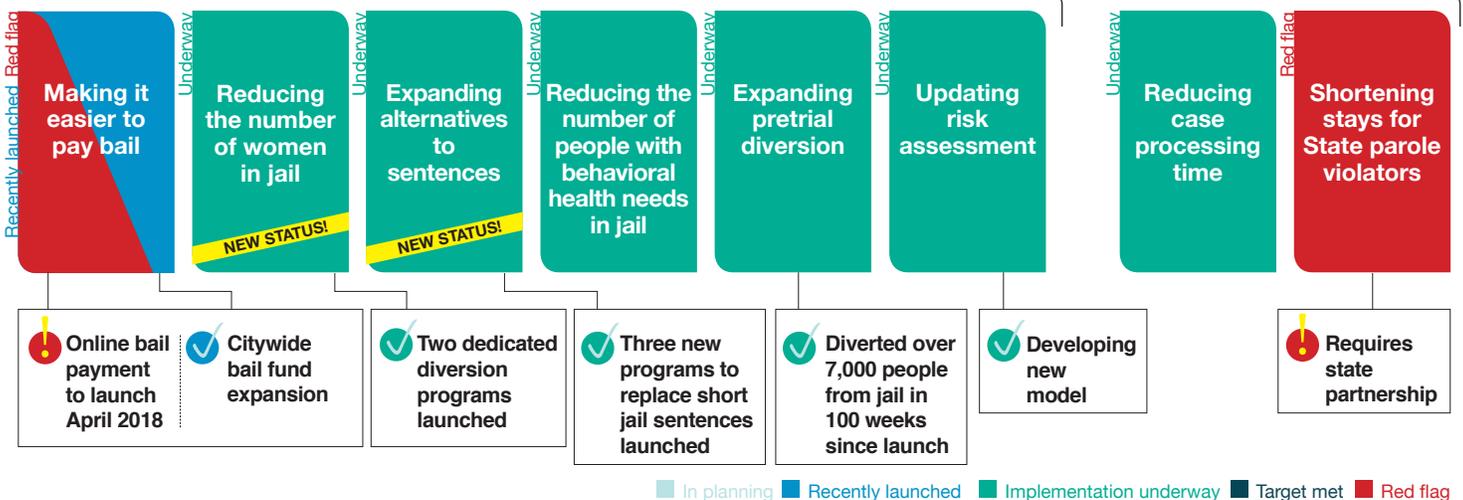
4 TASK FORCE The [Executive Steering Committee](#) and Co-Chairs of the Justice Implementation Task Force marked their second quarterly meeting. The Design and Culture Change Groups convened for a workshop to develop design principles to inform the new borough-based jail system, and the Population Reduction Working Group developed strategies to reduce the number of people charged with parole violations in custody.

UPDATES ON THE STRATEGIES IN THE CITY'S ROADMAP TO CLOSING RIKERS ISLAND:

1 SMALLER SAFELY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE JAIL POPULATION

Reduce number of people who enter jail

Reduce how long they stay



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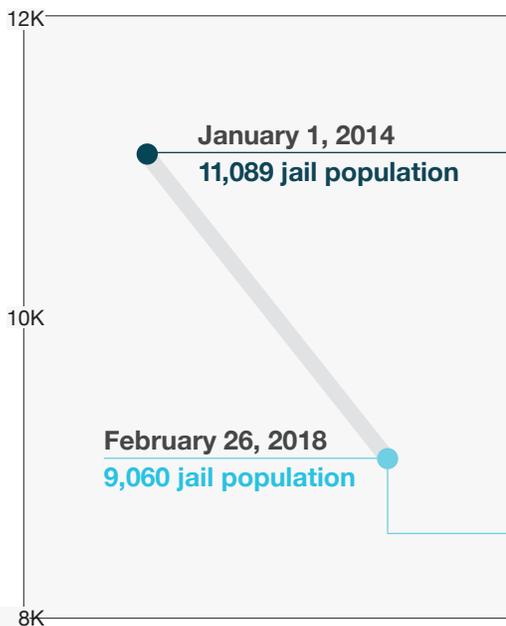
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MAKING IT EASIER AND FASTER TO PAY BAIL

The City has recently expanded its bail expeditor program (BEX), which helps defendants with low bail set pay bail. Bail expeditors interview defendants about who could help them post bail, contact family members, and ensure that defendants are held at the courthouse while bail is being paid. This program is showing impressive results: 47% of defendants who are helped by a bail expeditor post bail while still at the courthouse or within two days of entering jail, compared to 22% of defendants who are not helped by a bail expeditor. The City invested \$500,000 in BEX so everyone with bail set at \$5,000 or under has access to the program. BEX is one reason why the number of people in jail with bail set at \$2,000 or lower has fallen by almost 60% since December 2013.

THE JAIL POPULATION CONTINUES TO FALL

KEY TRENDS (December 2013-February 2018)

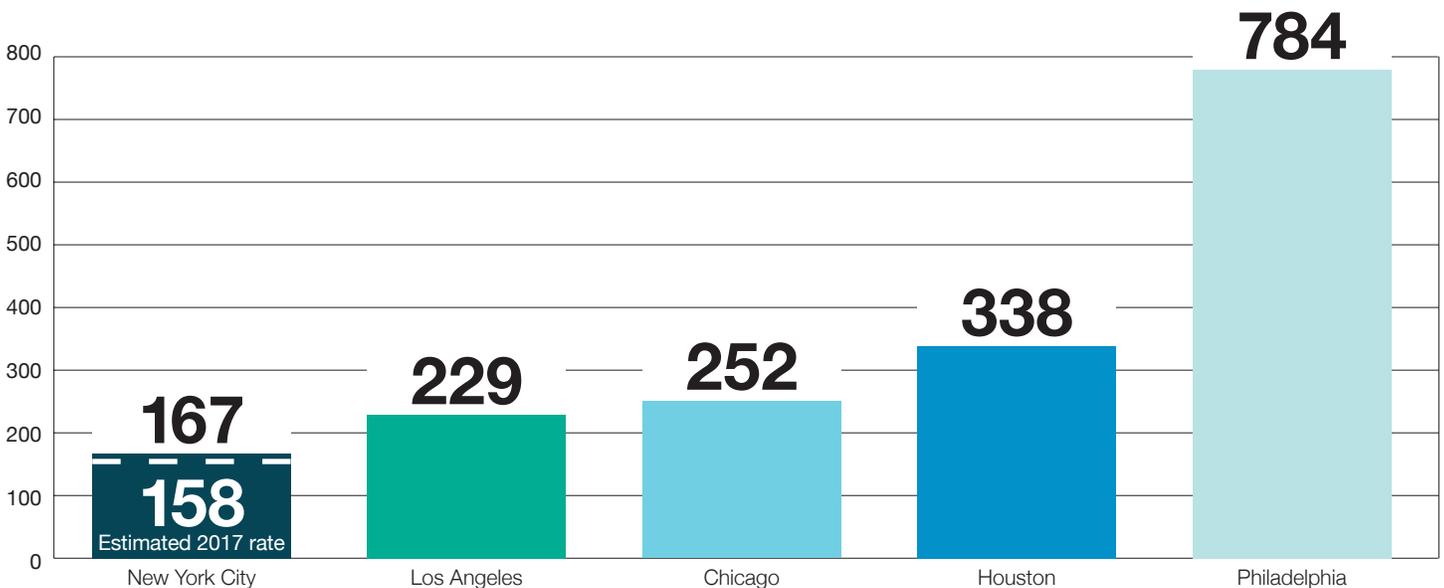


- 60%** in on bail under \$2,000
- 41%** people in jail less than one week
- 34%** misdemeanants in jail

	JANUARY 1 2014	FEBRUARY 26, 2018	
Jail population	11,089	9,060	
Misdemeanor	995	661	-34% ↓
Violent felony	3,969	3,440	-13% ↓
Nonviolent felony	3,343	2,667	-20% ↓
City sentenced	1,600	1,130	-29% ↓
State parole violators	521	689	32% ↑
Other	661	473	-28% ↓

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice analysis of New York City Department of Correction data, Feb 2018.

NEW YORK CITY HAS THE LOWEST RATE OF INCARCERATION OF ALL LARGE US CITIES (2016)



Source: Local sheriffs' offices, 2016 data.

2 SAFER CREATING SAFE AND HUMANE ENVIRONMENTS

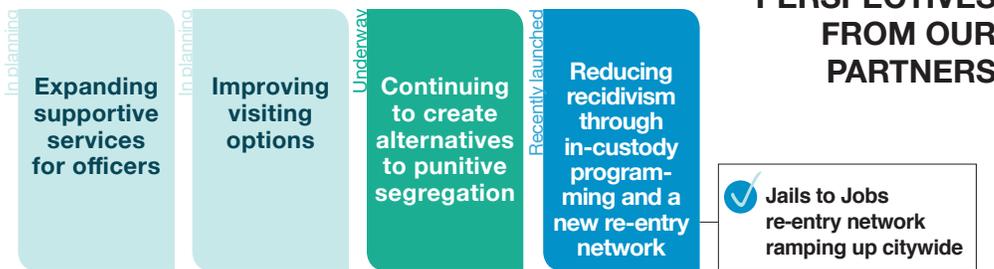


The Mayor announced an agreement with City Council Speaker Corey Johnson to consolidate the proposal to renovate, expand or construct jails at four sites in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx into a single public land use review process. Along with the support of the Council Members representing these areas, this streamlined process will allow for expedited review. An application could be submitted for certification as early as the end of 2018, and the design process for the new facilities could begin as early as next summer.

"Today is a historic day, as we are yet one step closer to closing Rikers Island... We all know that closing jails on Rikers means opening more humane, community-based facilities elsewhere. I am proud to stand with my Council colleagues and thank them for their support on this crucial issue. I look forward to working closely with Mayor de Blasio, my Council colleagues representing these communities, and the communities themselves in finally achieving our shared goal of closing Rikers Island."

City Council Speaker Corey Johnson

3 FAIRER CHANGING THE CULTURE AND PURPOSE OF JAILS



PERSPECTIVES FROM OUR PARTNERS

"Mental health needs, parental stress, and a lack of sustained employment are risks unique to women that often lead to justice involvement, but can be much better addressed in the community. We are thrilled to see NYC recognizing the unique needs of women, investing in home and community-based solutions, and working to stabilize families as a means to public safety without a reliance on punitive responses."

Georgia Lerner, Executive Director, Women's Prison Association (WPA)

IMPLEMENTATION HIGHLIGHT

Women make up approximately 6% of the average daily jail population in New York City, and while their risks and needs are largely similar to incarcerated men, there are some key distinctions. Around 40% of the overall jail population is designated as having a mental health need; for incarcerated women, this number is 72%. According to a limited survey conducted by the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice and the Department of Correction, the majority of women in jail have histories of trauma, significant housing and employment needs, and are the primary caretaker of a child or other family member. As part of the City's larger work to reduce the number of women in jail, First Lady Chirlane McCray recently announced a new \$6 million annual investment in a package of in-jail mental health, domestic violence prevention, and family programming as well as extensive re-entry support services to reduce women's returns to jail and better protect children from negative outcomes associated with parental incarceration.